

Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update **(as of November 30, 2012)**

In the November 2000 general election, Coloradans passed Amendment 20, and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) was tasked with implementing and administering the Medical Marijuana Registry program. In March of 2001, the State of Colorado Board of Health approved the Rules and Regulations pertaining to the administration of the program, and on June 1, 2001, the Registry began accepting and processing applications for registry identification cards.

Statistics of the registry include:

- 201,639 new patient applications have been received to date since the registry began operating in June 2001. The total number of patients who currently possess valid Registry ID cards is 106,763.
- Sixty-eight percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 41. Currently forty patients are minors (under the age of 18).
- Fifty-seven percent of patients reside in the Denver-metro area (Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas & Jefferson counties), with the remainder of patients residing in counties throughout Colorado.
- Patients on the registry represent all the debilitating conditions covered under Amendment 20. Severe pain accounts for 94 percent of all reported conditions; muscle spasms account for the second-most reported condition at 17 percent. Note that percentages do not add up to 100 percent because some patients have more than one condition.
- Fifty-one percent of patients have designated a primary care-giver (someone who has significant responsibility for managing the care of a patient with a debilitating medical condition) or a medical marijuana care center.
- Approximately 900 different physicians have signed for current patients in Colorado.

Please see the attached tables for a complete listing of all statistical information.

As of October 27, 2008 all applications, renewals and changes to the registry must be submitted via mail and include a legible photo copy of the patient's Colorado identification. Faxes and emails are not accepted.

No general funds have been designated for this program. The Colorado Constitution authorizes CDPHE to collect fees to cover the costs of administering the program. Currently the fee is \$35, and is evaluated annually by CDPHE. The fee was lowered from \$110 on June 1, 2007, and was again lowered from \$90 on January 1, 2012.

Table I: County Information

County	Number of Patients	Percent of Patients
Adams	8,027	8%
Alamosa	230	<1%
Arapahoe	10,364	10%
Archuleta	390	<1%
Baca	47	<1%
Bent	56	<1%
Boulder	9,263	9%
Broomfield	1,025	1%
Chaffee	568	1%
Cheyenne	24	<1%
Clear Creek	424	<1%
Conejos	81	<1%
Costilla	126	<1%
Crowley	76	<1%
Custer	116	<1%
Delta	556	1%
Denver	17,318	16%

Dolores	65	<1%
Douglas	3,272	3%
Eagle	1,111	1%
El Paso	14,620	14%
Elbert	308	<1%
Fremont	1,044	1%
Garfield	1,312	1%
Gilpin	362	<1%
Grand	383	<1%
Gunnison	357	<1%
Hinsdale	20	<1%
Huerfano	219	<1%
Jackson	14	<1%
Jefferson	11,935	11%
Kiowa	12	<1%
Kit Carson	67	<1%
La Plata	1,659	2%
Lake	204	<1%
Larimer	4,846	5%
Las Animas	216	<1%
Lincoln	45	<1%
Logan	202	<1%
Mesa	2,154	2%
Mineral	8	<1%
Moffat	195	<1%
Montezuma	685	1%
Montrose	644	1%
Morgan	208	<1%
Otero	250	<1%
Ouray	122	<1%
Park	678	1%
Phillips	35	<1%
Pitkin	710	1%
Prowers	110	<1%
Pueblo	2,830	3%
Rio Blanco	66	<1%
Rio Grande	141	<1%
Routt	918	1%
Saguache	210	<1%
San Juan	19	<1%
San Miguel	323	<1%
Sedgwick	21	<1%
Summit	1,012	1%
Teller	925	1%
Washington	63	<1%
Weld	3,383	3%
Yuma	89	<1%

* Indicates fewer than three patients in the category

Table II: Conditions

Reported Condition	Number of Patients Reporting Condition	Percent of Patients Reporting Condition**
Cachexia	1,283	1%
Cancer	2,866	3%
Glaucoma	1,099	1%
HIV/AIDS	682	1%
Muscle Spasms	17,853	17%
Seizures	1,815	2%
Severe Pain	99,988	94%
Severe Nausea	11,920	11%

**Does not add to 100% as some patients report using medical marijuana for more than one debilitating medical condition.

Table III: User Characteristics

Sex	Percent on Registry	Average Age**
Male	68%	41
Female	32%	43

** The overall average age of all patients is 41 years old.